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TENNESSEE BULLETIN NO. 450-04-1

SUBJECT: TCH – 2004 NATIONAL CROP RESIDUE MANAGEMENT SURVEY

Action Required by:
Field Offices – September 3, 2004
State Offices – September 17, 2004

Purpose. To transmit guidance regarding the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) 2004 National Crop Residue Management Survey.

Expiration Date. December 31, 2004.

Background: The National Crop Residue Management (CRM) Survey is scheduled for completion in 2004 in cooperation with CTIC. This survey is very important to NRCS and our conservation partners. The tillage survey is conducted every other year as part of the Field Office Workload Reduction, and this activity should be incorporated into your 2004 business plans, as appropriate.

It has been six years since some of the smaller cropland counties have updated their crop acreage/tillage data. All counties are requested to update their county crop/tillage report for 2004.

Explanation: For the 2004 survey, Tennessee counties will estimate tillage practices using local conservation partnerships.

All Tennessee counties are requested to complete the survey by involving the local conservation team, including the Soil and Water Conservation District, Cooperative Extension Service agent, Farm Service Agency, agribusiness, and other interested parties to make the best possible estimate for tillage practices by crop. Blank forms and 2002 county survey results can be found on the CTIC web site.

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Field offices should submit completed county crop/tillage data via the CTIC web site (<http://www.crmsurvey.org>) by Friday, September 3, 2004. State offices should review all county information by Friday, September 17, 2004. Crop acreage information for 2004 can be obtained from local FSA offices around the middle of August 2004. Also, the National Agricultural Statistical Service state office home page (<http://www.nass.usda.gov/tn/>) can provide 2003 crop acreage data after March 2004. This acreage data should be used to update and provide the most accurate county crop acres for 2004.

The CRM survey information can be obtained from the CTIC web site at <http://www.crmsurvey.org>.

- Choose State (Tennessee).
- Click on "I am a county coordinator."
- Select your county, i.e., "Anderson."
- Enter FIPS code preceded by the state code, i.e., "47001."
- Select view printable version of CRM survey.
- Click back button.
- Select complete the CRM survey.

If you should have any questions, please contact the State Agronomist, Gregory Brann, at (615) 277-2569 or greg.brann@tn.usda.gov.

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